PATENT

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BALLER DOUGLAS W. KOHRS et al.

Appln. No.: 10/807,463

Filing Date: March 23, 2004

Title:

LORDOTIC SPINAL

IMPLANT

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

Docket No.

75028-307883

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I CERTIFY THAT, ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2004, THIS PAPER IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P. O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-4450.

Janice Grooms

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY

Enclosed for filing is the Associate Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed to be necessary. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

DOUGLAS W. KOHRS et al.

By:

Tong Wu, #43,361

FAEGRE & BENSON LLP

2200 Wells Fargo Center

90 South Seventh Street

Minneapolis, MN 55402-3901

612/766-6804

Dated: September 28, 2004

M2:20659121.01



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): DOUGLAS W. KOHRS et al.

Appln. No.: 10/807,463

Filing Date: March 23, 2004

Title:

LORDOTIC SPINAL

IMPLANT

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

Docket No.

75028-307883

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I CERTIFY THAT, ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2004, THIS PAPER IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P. O. Box 14/50 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22213-1450.

ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned attorney of record in the above-identified patent application hereby appoints practitioners associated with the USPTO Customer Number 43541 to act as their associate attorney, and empowers the associate attorney to receive all correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, to amend the specification and drawings, to prosecute the application and to act on behalf of the applicant. The undersigned attorney of record also ratifies any act done by the associate attorney in respect of the application or any related application thereto.

Please recognize the correspondence address for the above-identified application with the above-mentioned Customer Number.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:

DOUGLAS

David G. Schmaltz, #39,82

'. ΚΟΗ/R

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.

P.O. Box 2903

Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903

(612)332-5300

23552

Dated: September 28, 2004 M2:20656192.01